

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas

ENTERED

September 26, 2017

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

KENNETH COLEMAN
MARCUS T. WEATHERSBY

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CRIMINAL ACTION NO. H-17-156

ORDER

Counsel for the defendant, Kenneth Coleman, filed a motion to withdraw as counsel and a motion for continuance, (Docket Entries No. 36 and 37).

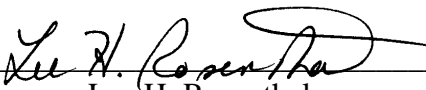
The motion to withdraw is granted. The magistrate judge will appoint new counsel for defendant Kenneth Coleman.

The government is unopposed to the continuance. The codefendant, Marcus Weathersby, agreed only to a 90-day extension, not the 6 months sought. The court finds that given the storm disruptions from Hurricane Harvey and the appointment of new counsel, the 6- month continuance is necessary for a fair presentation of the defense. The interests of justice are served by granting this continuance and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

The motion for continuance is granted. The docket control order is amended as follows:

Motions are to be filed by:	March 26, 2018
Responses are to be filed by:	April 9, 2018
Pretrial conference is reset to:	April 16, 2018 at 8:45 a.m.
Jury trial and selection are reset to:	April 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

SIGNED on September 26, 2017, at Houston, Texas.



Lee H. Rosenthal
Chief United States District Judge